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July 21, 1953

Honorable Harold H. Velde
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Velde,

Thank you for sending me the material from the files of your Committee. I am here making such report to you and your Committee as I am able to make on the basis of materials now available to me. I hope it will serve to clarify my position.

If your Committee decides, after weighing my report, that a hearing is in order, I shall be happy to appear and answer further questions to the best of my ability. Also I will welcome the chance to testify under oath that I have never been a Communist nor have I knowingly given aid or comfort to any Communist group that has been invading our American system.

I know that your Committee calendar must be crowded, and I hesitate to ask any special consideration. But if a hearing is deemed advisable, could it be scheduled before the end of September -- preferably during the last half of September? We are to report for work at the University of Michigan at the beginning of October; and from there on through the Fall, I would not be able to appear in Washington without interrupting the plans of other people besides myself. Hence, I will be grateful for a September hearing if your Committee wishes me to appear.

Thank you again for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

H.A. Overstreet

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1953

Dr. Harry A. Overstreet
c/o Mr. Everett Sloop
11435 Ardmoor Drive
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Doctor Overstreet:

It has recently been called to my attention that you have been in correspondence with members of the staff of the Committee on Un-American Activities and have taken the trouble to come personally to Washington regarding the matter of information contained in the Committee's files relative to you.

I have requested the Committee to furnish me with a report of that information, which I am enclosing, as well as a photostatic copy of the sworn affidavit which you have furnished the Committee in clarification and explanation of the Committee's report.

In the event that future inquiries are made of the Committee concerning information contained in its files relating to you, I am taking the liberty of placing your sworn affidavit in the files in order that it may be furnished along with any material concerning you.

I do not feel that it is necessary, at this time, to schedule an appearance for you before the Committee, believing that the sworn affidavit will serve to act as clarification and completion of the Committee's records.

I appreciate your interest in taking the steps that you have in making this information available to us.

Sincerely yours,

Harold H. Velde
Harold H. Velde
Chairman

Enclosures

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WASHINGTON

June 11, 1954

Dr. Harry A. Overstreet
R. F. D. #2
Bennington, Vermont

Dear Dr. Overstreet:

It has come to my attention that in the wording of the letter acknowledging receipt of your affidavit which is included in the House Committee on Un-American Activities files, I stated in effect that "a hearing at this time does not seem necessary."

I realize that anyone reviewing this letter without knowing of the preliminaries might gather that the Committee had contemplated holding a hearing in your situation. However, the facts are that in your letter to me, you had originally indicated that you wanted the matter clarified by whatever steps were necessary, and would be willing to appear at a hearing if necessary. Therefore, in my response to you I was merely indicating that I was satisfied that the affidavit furnished by you was sufficient and that the hearing that you had suggested was unnecessary.

I hope that this may serve to clarify any misunderstanding on this point.

Sincerely,

Harold H. Velde
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington 25, D.C.

March 28, 1957

PERSONAL

Mrs. Bonaro W. Overstreet
1308 Fiddler's Green
Lake Barcroft
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Overstreet:

Thank you for your letter of March 24, 1957, and the enclosures. Your continued interest in "The FBI Story" is sincerely appreciated.

I was grateful for the opportunity to read the two articles for future release in your syndicated column. You are certainly doing a great service in alerting the American public to the deceit of communism.

I am pleased that you enjoyed my statement on the Communist Party convention which Mr. Nichols forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington 25, D.C.

March 29, 1957

Dr. Harry A. Overstreet
1308 Fiddler's Green
Lake Barcroft
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Dr. Overstreet:

It has just been my pleasure to read your article, "For Our Professional Agenda," which appears in the Spring, 1957, edition of the American Association of University Professors Bulletin, and I am indeed grateful to you for encouraging others in the academic profession to read Don Whitehead's objective portrayal of our activities and responsibilities.

My associates and I hope that "The FBI Story" will be widely discussed in educational circles and that many of your colleagues will take advantage of your suggestion to direct their questions to me. In this way, I am confident misunderstandings and erroneous conceptions, particularly in the field of civil liberties, can be resolved.

We are most appreciative of your kind references to "The FBI Story" and, of course, hope that our efforts will continue to merit the confidence you have expressed in our work.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. Edgar Hoover

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LOUIS B. NICHOLS
350 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 1, NEW YORK

July 8, 1959

Dear Frank:

I was considerably disturbed in looking over the July 8, 1959, issue of Human Events to note in the article by Professor E. Merrill Root a quotation from Dr. Overstreet's book "The Great Enterprise", which was taken out of context.

On page 115 of the Overstreet book in the first paragraph after speaking of "Pressure Areas", the author states:

"A man, for example, may be angrily against race equality, public housing, the TVA, financial and technical aid to backward countries, organized labor, and the preaching of social rather than salvational religion."

Then in the next paragraph, separated by fourteen lines, the author speaks of "prejudiced persons", and the following sentence appears:

"Such people may appear 'normal' in the sense that they are able to hold a job and otherwise maintain their status as members of society; but they are, we now recognize, well along the road toward mental illness."

Certainly, in the context in which the words were written, it is difficult to understand how in common decency the widely separated sentences could be put together to make the point which Professor Root makes. When, as a matter of fact, to get the full meaning of the actual words it is necessary to read pages 110 to 117.

This is of concern to me as I have come to know the Overstreets rather intimately, since I sat down in May 1953. I have no doubt as to their loyalty and where they stand. In fact I think they have made a real contribution with their book "What We Must Know About Communism", and I only regret that it was not written long ago, because it has had a profound effect in a wide circle who otherwise might still be groping for the truth.

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Professor Root does a dis-service by such incorrect reporting, and I am sure that if you would take the time to become acquainted with the Overstreets (incidentally, they live in Falls Church) as I have, you would agree with my hope to see an injustice corrected, and you would find them as rugged individualists who would not even be accepted by collectivists.

Why don't you dig out the Overstreets' testimony, in May 1951, before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee, which is recorded in Part II Subversive Influence in the Educational Process. The testimony starts on page 1017. On page 1019 Dr. Overstreet states:

"The Communist way of life is not a free thinking way of life. It is a conspiratorial way of life. It is people organizing themselves to do something to get rid of a type of society that they hate, and therefore it comes under the category of conspiratorial activity, rather than activity."

Later on, on page 1019 Dr. Overstreet states:

".....being a Communist makes a competent teacher incompetent to teach."

The record needs to be set straight on the misquotation, particularly since I have heard that this quotation has recently been used in Human Events, although I do not recall seeing it. If I had seen it I would have written you then. The quotation taken out of context was used in the National Review on May 23, 1959, in an article by Russell Kirk.

Some years ago I got a real thrill when Dr. Overstreet took A. J. Mutsaers to task for asking him to sign an amatory petition on behalf of the Communist leaders convicted under the Smith Act. He, of course, refused to sign such a petition. Later Mutsaers in criticising the Overstreets on Communism complained - among other things - that it

".....suggests no criticism of J. Edgar Hoover."

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I never thought I would live to see the day when
Human Events would carry anything to which Foster would
be in accord.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Mr. Frank C. Hanighen,
Human Events Inc.
408 First Street, S. E.
Washington 3, D. C.

P.S. If you ever get to New York I wish you would give me
a ring, so we can get together. Unfortunately, I
have not been able to spend much time in Washington
recently.

L.E.N.



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Jerome Stallings
Associate Director

David E. Warner
Regional Director

November 12, 1962

Dr. and Mrs. Harry A. Overstreet
1308 Fiddler's Green
Lake Barcroft
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear folks:

Your request concerning the copy of Lou Nichols' affidavit sent to Mrs. Eva Grant of PTA Magazine has been passed on to Mr. C. Dale Fuller, our Executive Vice President in New York. I asked him, also, to have a copy of Lou Nichols' letter (the one which accompanied the affidavit) and Sokolsky's column sent to Mrs. Grant.

In addition, I expect to receive a fresh copy of the three items from New York for use here with the authors of the "truth" book about FPA. When I forward the material to the attackers I will certainly let you know. It seems to me that it would be well to furnish them several other items, besides the Lou Nichols affidavit, as they are voracious readers possessed of a tendency to find in each new confrontation a further justification of their own prejudiced viewpoint, not a valid examination of new facts which might conceivably alter their previously held viewpoint. It seems to me that exposure to a multiplicity of items -- such as I carried to the Bibb County Grand Jury -- would be best. I do not expect to change the minds of those people who are so extreme and so "dedicated". Nevertheless, I do believe that ~~the~~ kind of direct approach you suggested, non-inflammatory but not mincing words, would be certain to have some effect.

For future reference, the authors of the "truth" book are:

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ralph Nichols
893 Beaverbrook Drive, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia
(Telephone: 355-2415, Area code 404)

I am glad of your decision about the Delaney book. Let me know if I can be of any help in any way.

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And, incidentally, the USIA situation appears to be moving along in the right direction. It took awhile to get all the medical reports on my brood pieced together and assembled in Washington. As far as I know now they are all there, as are my security forms. I do not expect any sort of offer before January or February.

I shall, indeed, give the PTA Magazine address to Eugene Caldwell. *(I did - but he had it from you separately, too).*

I hope your return trip was pleasant and that things are going swimmingly for both of you. I have heard many comments, including some this week, from the men who enjoyed your conversation at lunch on October 30th.

All the best,

Dave
Dave Warner

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November 19, 1962

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ralph Nichols
893 Beaverbrook Drive, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Registered Mail

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Nichols:

I am enclosing a few pertinent items which seemingly could not have come to your attention prior to your publishing of your booklet "The Truth About the Foreign Policy Association."

Had this material been in your hands I am sure you would not have felt justified in printing the attack upon Dr. and Mrs. Harry A. Overstreet, pp. 69-73B. The enclosures to which I refer are:

1. A letter from Mr. Louis B. Nichols, July 18, 1962.
2. A notarized affidavit by Mr. Louis B. Nichols, July 18, 1962.
3. A column by George E. Sokolsky, from the Journal American, August 12, 1959.
4. A review by Herbert Philbrick, November 1, 1958.
5. Time Magazine photostat, December 21, 1953, p. 21.
6. Time Magazine photostat, January 18, 1954, p. 8.

While I do not have a spare copy to send you, I know you will be interested to know that as recently as May, 1962, the U.S. Senate Sub-Committee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws called upon Dr. and Mrs. Overstreet to prepare an article for incorporation in a symposium printed by that sub-committee, titled: "Education for Survival in the Struggle against World Communism." You may well have a copy of the document from the 87th Congress, Second Session, but if not it would be easy for you to obtain a copy.

There are many other pertinent documents available, but these should suffice to undergird the following request: --

In the light of this over-whelming evidence to show that Dr. and Mrs. Overstreet are consciously fighting communism in a realistic and effective way, and that they are competent authorities on the subject, will you please eliminate from

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your booklet "The Truth About the Foreign Policy Association" all attacks upon Dr. and Mrs. Overstreet?

If you do not consent to make this obviously justified deletion, will you please publish in full the documents I am enclosing with this letter, plus this letter itself?

Sincerely yours,

David E. Warner
Southeastern Regional
Director
Foreign Policy Assoc.

cc: Dr. and Mrs. Harry A. Overstreet ↗
Mr. Louis B. Nichols

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Jerome Stallings
Associate Director

September 13, 1962

David E. Warner
Regional Director

Dr. and Mrs. Harry A. Overstreet
1308 Fiddler's Green
Lake Barcroft
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Folks:

I appreciated your letter of September 9 and am, of course, keeping it for future reference concerning events at the end of September and in October.

We do have a photocopy machine in our Atlanta office. It is an old fashioned contraption, as things go these days, but ordinarily does a better job than the thermo-fax machines seem to do. I shall be glad to run off some copies of the two Time Magazine pages for you, if you want us to. Also, I am sure the FPA would have no objection to our making any reasonable number of copies of other items which we are able to copy for you.

You may remember that when I visited your home in July you mentioned an interest in talking with someone who is opposed to the mental health program because of your astonishment that anyone could find something in it to oppose. A few days ago I telephoned Mrs. C. Ralph Nichols (Lois Nichols), who with her husband authored the "Truth About the Foreign Policy Association."

It was a fascinating conversation, to which I contributed only a very few words once it got started. At first Mrs. Nichols said she would have absolutely nothing to do with Dr. Overstreet. When I asked why, she replied that Dr. Overstreet is engaged in the same kind of thing that "you folks are." I asked what sort of activity she was referring to. She refused to name it, whatever it is.

Later in the conversation -- after she had poured out some twenty thousand words or so, I asked her again if she knew of anyone opposed to the mental health program who would be available to discuss the "anti" viewpoint with Dr. Overstreet informally and privately in October. She then, apparently somewhat warmed up by the stimulation of twenty minutes' talking, said she would discuss the matter with her husband "who is the Overstreet expert" and would let me know later.

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I have not heard any more from the lady as yet. This may be because of excitement and preoccupation concerning the Georgia elections that took place yesterday. It looks as if we have elected a fairly decent man and voted down one of the arch types of traditional rotten Georgia politics in the Governor's race, although from what I know so far we have not done so well in the primary race for Lieutenant Governor.

If Lois and Ralph Nichols decline to discuss mental health with you, perhaps I can line up someone else. Best regards to you both, and thanks for your mention of Gilbert Murray's Liberality and Civilization.

Cordially yours,

Dave

Dave Warner

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PS - Our New York office is:

Foreign Policy Assn.
345 E. 46th St.
New York 17, N.Y.

Phone: OXFORD 7-2432

Mr. C. Dale Fuller, Exec. Vice Pres., is the contact
(THIS IS A "C") concerning your material.

New York has a copying machine too, and also
sometimes gets photostat work done professionally.



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Jerome Stallings
Associate Director

January 10, 1963

David E. Warner
Regional Director

Dr. and Mrs. Harry A. Overstreet
1308 Fiddlers Green
Lake Barcroft
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Harry and Bonaro:

Enclosed is the original of our reply from Charles Ralph Nichols of Atlanta, co-author of the "truth" book about FPA.

I don't know precisely what Mr. Nichols and his fellow travelers thought they were accomplishing by sending the copies to the listed gentlemen. Perhaps it gives them a feeling of importance. Perhaps they think it will make us feel, as the French say, bouleversé. It was, naturally, somewhat amusing to me to note that their list is made up of your own friends and acquaintances. Of course, I would not tell them that.

When I spoke with Admiral Mott from Little Rock Tuesday he mentioned that our friend Mr. Sullivan had been under attack personally, was feeling blue about it, and that you had gone out to have lunch with him and cheer him up. I hope the mission was accomplished successfully.

Thank you, again, for steering us to Admiral Mott. He sounds like a grand gentleman. The Miami people are delighted to have him as their speaker and the Macon people will be, also, if that part can be worked out. What I am referring to is the fact that our friends in Macon, Georgia hope to have him as a "kick-off" speaker for Great Decisions 1963 on January 28.

I have been reading your book on airplanes, during my ten pre-sleep minutes in bed at night, on elevators, while waiting for red lights to change green, and so on. It is fascinating and the lady was right. It is certainly lucid.

I had never obtained the grasp which your book is giving me of the way in which the denunciation process works with such shocking totality. You do a beautiful job of explaining this, and the examples are excellent. I had, of course, been exposed to something of this kind of psychological morass in Washington, D. C. during the heyday of McCarthy. But even

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then there was enough basic Americanism of the genuine sort still alive and active so that a person with intestinal fortitude could stand up as an individual with self respect. Reed Harris is exhibit A in this respect.

We are keeping one copy of the C. R. Nichols letter of January 1 in our Atlanta files and sending one copy to Dale Fuller, Executive Vice President of Foreign Policy Association, who has been in close touch with the attacks throughout.

Cordially,



Dave Warner

P.S.

I noticed that Mr. C. R. Nichols dated his letter "January 1, 1962". Because we are dealing with the type of person which he happens to be, I am leaving it as is on my file copy but putting a note beside the date "(should be 1963)".

Enclosure: C.R. Nichols ltr.

cc: C. Dale Fuller, New York

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CHARLES RALPH NICHOLS
893 BEAVERBROOK DRIVE, N. W.
ATLANTA 18, GA.

January 1, 1962

Mr. David E. Warner, Director
Atlanta Regional Office
Foreign Policy Association-World Affairs Center
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Warner:

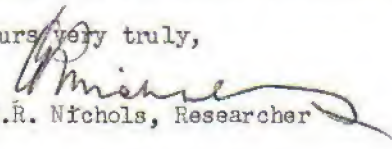
In re: Dr. and Mrs. Harry A. Overstreet

Your letter of November 19, 1962, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. C. Ralph Nichols, has been turned over to Commander J.B. Welden of the Waldo Slaton Post of the American Legion. Commander Welden has examined the material which you submitted for publication in the Waldo Slaton Post's exposure, THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION.

I have been requested by Commander Welden to notify you that copies of the letter that you offered for publication, the material that accompanied it, and this reply have been sent to the following persons:

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, F.B.I.
Mr. Benjamin Mandel, Research Director, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee
Mr. Frank Tavenner, House Committee on Un-American Activities
Mr. Robert Morris, former Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee

Yours very truly,


C.R. Nichols, Researcher

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OFFICE OF LOUIS B. NICHOLS
350 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, N. Y.

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Dear Dr. Overstreet
That was a terrific
letter you sent the times
regarding the ridiculous &

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Nichols

February 16, 1959

Dear Two --

You've probably seen by now the astonishing picture of President Eisenhower reading the book loaned him by Mr. Dulles at the hospital. It appeared here in the Star on Saturday; then in the New York Times on Sunday; and word has already come of its being featured in papers in Philadelphia and Chicago. So its use has apparently been widespread. We are still dazed! This is the sort of unpurchasable "advertising" that no book could expect.

You may not have seen the enclosed piece from the Sunday Star, since it is not, we understand, syndicated. It will give Storer the quotes he has been wanting for a special advertising campaign in the religious press. And it too must be rated as an unpurchasable gift to the book.

So it begins to look as though the unexpected has happened. The book -- which, in our minds, is always partly your book -- is really on its way toward reaching both the general public and the policy-makers. It is also hearteningly evident that those who do read it are, in greater or lesser measure, influenced by it -- and this is true all across the board. We think we can now believe that the facts it contains are reaching many among those whom you once specifically asked us to reach. For example, I am to give the sermon next Sunday (You know: the Rev. Bonaro Overstreet!) at the Unitarian Church in Annapolis. Those in charge had at their disposal all the usual array of publicity materials; but in their press releases they chose to stress beyond everything else the importance of the current book.

Storer plans to put out a soft-cover textbook edition to sell at \$1.95; and there is reason to think that there may be a good call for it. It was heartwarming, recently, to hear from a professor at City College that the seminar students to whom he assigned certain chapters for reading and discussion were, with one exception, unanimous in feeling that these chapters had helped them to think their way out of certain preconceptions -- such, for example, as that the U.S.S.R. has to be "excused" for its methods because of its great accomplishments.

So we hope you can feel, at last, that the time and comfort you gave us when we most needed it -- and also the "assignment" you gave us -- have not been without results.

Love,

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Thought you might like to see
this.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

[Encl. 1959, Jan 7]

American Embassy,
Wellington, New Zealand,
December 31, 1958.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

It was good to hear from you and to know, although it came as no surprise, that we feel the same way about Harry and Bonaro's book.

Is there not some possibility that business or a well-deserved vacation may bring you and Mrs. Nichols to this delightful part of the world?

In any event, my wife joins me in warmest good wishes to you and Mrs. Nichols for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Francis H. Russell

Mr. Louis B. Nichols,
Executive Vice President,
Schenley Industries, Inc.,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York 1, New York.

Nichols

February 18, 1959

Dear Two --

Just to keep you posted on good news. Storer phoned last evening to say that during the past two days orders have come in for 5466 copies of the book. Total sales, now, are nudging the 40,000 mark. They are briefly out of stock -- which in itself doesn't do any harm, publicity-wise; but a new flock of books will be coming off the press in a few days. They mustn't overprint; for books, we all know, can have spectacular sales and then drop into limbo. But Storer anticipates continued orders and is scheduling well-spaced printings accordingly. No one, of course, could have anticipated the picture of President Eisenhower with the book in his hands; but on a broader front, this superbly unpurchasable advertising is only one item among several that are building the book's sales. It would appear that a number of different influences are all having a simultaneous effect -- by coincidence; not collusion.

We want you to know, also, that our European trip is definitely set so far as the major flight-dates are concerned. We will go over by Pan American jet, to London, on August 10th; and will return by similar flight from Paris, on October 20th. Between these dates -- on a schedule not yet fixed -- we'll be in various parts of the British Isles, Scandinavia, Bonn, Vienna, Paris, Rome, Athens, and Geneva. We want you to know our dates, and will send them in more detail later, just in case there is any chance at all that you can be over there on some overlapping trip. Wouldn't it be fun if we could all be there together?

The Don Whiteheads -- nice people! -- were here for dinner last evening. We didn't invite anyone else; and it was very satisfying to have a chance just to talk quietly with them -- and, not least, about their trip abroad last year.

The Burgers are coming on Friday evening. We wish you were going to be down.

Love,

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LOUIS B. NICHOLS

Feb. 18, 1953.

"My dear 'you all',"

we are so happy for you!

We made the first near Sunday and it just keeps pouring out. Jim and Steve is clucking like an old hen with chicks.

Louis was so touched by your sweet letter.

He said he was going to send it to Mr. Thomas - as a reminder of the original mission.

It is really wonderful to have a long range plan like this come to fruition.

Louis has worked very hard for over a period of about two months preparing the Commission report for the Bar Association. He are going to the meeting in Chicago (30 General Beach Hotel) Friday - Tuesday.

Just in case you ever want Louis in an inner group you can call the Secretary, Anita Board Feb 4-2200 - and if you don't get results - Louis' assistant who stayed with him in the 7839 is N. G. L. Pieper - that's Nels H. Jr.

It seems we do run around a lot.

I tried to call you 2 days last week and didn't get you. I stayed down a few days

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LOUIS B. NICHOLS

To rent some holly - 300 cuttings - and I
picked about two quarts of holly berries to
come up the year hence.

The Sunday we went to Sturay we bought
two head cows. One - 6 months old + 1 - 2 years
old - a purple ribbon winner - but I am afraid.
Gardner wants the old cow named for her - and
called "Big Lil" -

In case you want to be forward by having
a piglet named for you - let me know - we are
expecting in March.

Spring holidays are March 20 - 30. We
hope to move all the holly to the farm then - and
I hope Edgar and the farmer, Ken, can repair
some buildings under Louis' directions. So if
you want to come out some sunny day for a
span having we will have dinner on the grounds.

The tenant house has cost much more
than it should have so Louis has ordered me
to put on my blue jeans and be prepared to
have the best investment personally.

We will probably build a family room
fit when with pets to the old house - when we

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LOUIS B. NICHOLS

Louis gets ready.

It will be about the size of your
kitchen dining and livingroom area with a
bath where you & Louis are.

The lake is full on the farm, the tenant
house is very nice and they are as proud of
it. We are very fortunate to get such nice
people. Little Louis is going to work on the farm
this summer.

Grandma is going to "goose sit" - 32
Chinese geese at Lake and house - April 15.
They are small geese - white - with long necks
and an orange knob on the "nose". They are
the best mudders - according to the poultry book.

Louis and I have so much fun talking
dancing on the mud mounds - we are so
inconspicuous - we don't even see or hear
these Park Avenue sounds.

We are looking forward to seeing you
during the holidays.

His love -
C. Anne